

Twenty years ago the hickory was played on the touch-hole of a cannon which had probably celebrated many a Fourth of July; the smoke from the cannon's mouth curled up gracefully into the peaceful and balmy air of South Carolina, and Fort Sumter became a name for history. Not far away amid the palmetto groves of beautiful Sullivans Island, at Beaufort, and elsewhere within sound of that shot were the homes of a most lonely people. Surrounded by majestic trees, and acres of pleasure grounds where flowers spontaneously sprang, where mere existence was a joy and the very air an elixir, lived a people more blessed with the means of comfort than were to be seen elsewhere on the habitable globe. In every Southern State conditions of a like sort existed. That shot, for good or ill, wrought well. That first blow of war was like the rude hand which had shattered the priceless jewel.

One is accused of bonitism when he recalls the beneficence of that old system of society, or even claims for it the advantages which are plainly written in the history of the country. But the social aspect of the case is a matter altogether apart from the political, and it will assert itself in the days to come in every shape that romance can take. History is not going to deal harshly with the race which civilized the negro, and if the alleged liberators of the slave will boast of their humanity, the historian will set against it their fanaticism and subsequent political chicanery, and sum up their merits against a degree of cant and show not unmixed with blame in the very origin of slavery.

Should the historian hold the enforced bondage of the negro as a crime, he will willingly absolve the Southern owners of slaves from blame, and dwell with wonder on the harmonious system which brought so much happiness and comfort to the free and the bond.

It is more than probable that the historian will take a larger view of the question than is now commonly entertained. Each generation of men receive legacies from their fathers, and the long chain of events which mark out results is not produced by the exceeding vintages of the men of one day. We are the executors of other men and other times, and in our turn leave other problems to be solved and other wars to be fought.

The slightest retrospect of the history of slavery annihilates any claim of any considerable body of American citizens to the merit of destroying slavery. It was by no manner of means the sole cause of the war. President Lincoln assumed his seat with the most express words on the very point of slaves. The majority of the votes in the North were Democratic. Perhaps a majority of slave-holders in the South, if not Whigs as at one time in Kentucky, were inclined to accept any practical method of ridding themselves of slavery. The destruction of slavery, in short, was the work of circumstances, which were as much brought about by the man who placed the hickory on the touch-hole of that Charleston cannon as by any one else in the country.

The most miserable absurdity and sophistry it is on the part of former Democrats, like Gen. John A. Logan, and for that matter, Gen. Grant, to set themselves up as the doers of a work which was God's! The rush of events was mightier than man, even should we contemplate the war with its results as the mere chaotic outburst of chafing interests.

Until time tempers Northern arrogance, until better reason overtakes a succeeding generation, Northern editors will continue their absurd self-glorification and their absurd change of criminality on the part of slave-owners. It was truly an inevitable conflict, wherein passions of a people breed as if for the haughty and unequal struggle, were aroused, and where self-respect and honor took precedence over policies. It was fate! State after State refused, to secede, and the wild rush of events whirled them into the mad career of arms.

And now that all is over, and a civilization has seen the beautiful homes of Beaufort in desolation, without a tear and per chance with exultation, and now that Col. Lanier, who charged with the "Black Horse Cavalry," shovels dirt on the streets of Charleston, let us at least call the matter even. Let us all take to shoveling dirt out of politics! And if there is any reason in your soul, O Northern brother and fellow-sinner, permit us to fall on your neck and borrow enough money from you to complete our railroad system and to build factories!—[Louisville Post.]

Good Writing.

If you desire to write for the press, and to what is termed a "good writer," there are two all-important things that you must look after. One of these is a plain and easy style, clearly within the comprehension of all disposed to read after you; and the other is, a theme calculated to interest everybody as near as it is possible for everybody to be interested. The first of these attainments may be most easily secured by a careful study of model writers, such as, for instance, Irving, Hawthorne, and Dickens; the other must come through a knowledge of human nature and the exercise of good common sense. Without an association of these two things no person can become a good, or, in other words, a popular writer. We have in mind several men of our immediate acquaintance who write smoothly and beautifully; but who, lacking the second requisite, are not at all liked as writers. On the other hand, we can place our finger upon men whose judgment, so far as relates to what would please the people, is almost entirely perfect, but who, when they undertake to put their thoughts in words, put in their words so badly and round, their periods so roughly that no person cares to read after them for any great length of time.

Celery thrives best on low, moist, rich soil; the plants are grown in a seed-bed and transplanted in July or August into rows placed four feet apart, and as the plants grow they are earthed up so that only the leaves appear above the surface.

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CARFIELD is finding out that his bargain and purchase of Mahone is a growing and festering thorn in the flesh. The little rascal is demanding his full payment, and on Saturday last he asked that the patronage of all the post offices of Virginia be turned over to him, so that he could fill the places of the present incumbents with his *in-famous* Readjusters. Learning this, a delegation of Virginia Republicans, headed by Representative Jorgenson, of the Petersburg District, waited on the President and begged him not to encourage any Republican coalition with Mahone, as any such step would be fatal to the party. They not only demanded that no more Readjusters be appointed to office, but that those already appointed be removed. A straight Republican ticket, headed by Col. Mosby would be shortly nominated in that State, and that they would support no other. The President received them kindly, we are told, but all that could be gotten out of him was that he would take every thing into consideration and act as it seemed good to him, for the party. But he can act only as Mahone demands or break faith with him.

The assassins of the Czar, five in number, including one woman, were hung for the crime last Friday at St. Petersburg. They met their death with the utmost unconcern, and with a heroism worthy of a better cause. The execution was conducted in the old-fashioned way. They had stakes over their heads and were seated on stools in carts with their backs to the horses, which, after the ropes were adjusted, were driven up, leaving the unfortunate hanging in the air. One poor fellow's rope broke twice, and it was not until the third attempt that his mortal coil was shuffled off. The executioner was no doubt from Kentucky. Hesie Hefman was to have been hung also, but she being *en-ciente*, her execution was postponed until after the birth of her child. The punishment of these fanatics has been quick and terrible, but their fearful fate will not deter other similar people from doing the same thing. King murdering will continue to go on.

Those who have been led to believe that the world is to an end will come in 1883, and who have been picking out the rocks under which to hide when that great and awful day shall arrive, can get a little consolation from the prophecy of Dr. Wilds, of Canada. Canada, it will be remembered, is the home of Vernon, and if the latter is as correct in prognosticating important events like the one named, as the latter is in foretelling the weather, the information he gives may be considered reliable. He says that the date of the great and final day is fixed in the year 1855, and that after next year there will be fifty-five years of continuous war.

SECRETARY WINDOM's funding scheme seems to take well with the holders of the 6%, and its success is assured. Several millions of the old bonds have already been presented for the new 3%, and it is said to be doubtful if a million of the bonds will have to be redeemed. This is almost proof positive that the 3% per cent. bond would have been nearly as popular, and that the debt could have easily been created at that rate.

The Wisconsin law against treating will not work, and the Courts have declared it inoperative and void. Until whisky drinking is made a capital offence, and until imprisonment for life shall be inflicted on both him that treats and him that accepts, this social, though foolish, custom will continue. How would an Irishman express his good feeling toward you except by tipping glasses?

We are indebted to Senator Beck for a copy of his own excellent speech and the one of Senator Larnour against the dangerous policy of the Republicans to force the election of officers of the Senate before they will agree to do the work for which the President called them together. They are both masterly arguments, and we wish we had space to give them to our readers in full.

WALLACE GRIEVE, of the Breckinridge News, suggests Biddleberger and Hickenlooper as the Republican ticket for 1884. We second the nomination, and propose a platform repudiating all debts, both public and private. With such a ticket and such a platform, every son of a Republic would rally to the polls in support of them.

A KANSAS Judge has decided that a ticket with "admit one" on it, is good for husband and wife, because the twain is but one. This may be all so, but Dan Rice didn't take to it much yesterday. The man who attempted it would have had to whip the door-keeper before he could have had that kind of an argument into his head.

A CALIFORNIA man shot and killed his mother-in-law, this week, and the verdict of the jury was inexcusable homicide. A certain individual who bears that relation to us, will please observe this paragraph and govern herself so that that there shall be no immediate funeral in the family.

Praise the Lord!

Dear Interior Journal:

You have no regular correspondent in Richmond, I believe, and I will be your irregular, if you will allow me, for there are many dear friends who are waiting for news from the meeting that I am happy to come.

Sara Bernhardt, having made her circuit of the American cities, has returned to New York, and after giving ten performances there, will sail for Harve and go thence to Paris. She is delighted with America, and hopes to visit it again.

DeJarnette, the man who killed his sister in a home of ill-fame in Danville, Va., an account of which we gave at the time, was at his first trial sentenced to be hung, but a new trial was obtained and on Friday last he was acquitted on the ground of insanity at the time of the killing.

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The first service was held in the Methodist church on the night of the 11th inst. The service was so uninteresting that it was no man to make all the "pew" that the place was too strict" for the meeting, that the next service was announced to be held in the Reformed church. There we have been ever since. It is a pleasant room to sit in, with seating capacity for five hundred, and six hundred can be squeezed in. Again and again every place has been occupied, and the meetings, and it was a little chilly to begin with, some in dead opposition, some on the defensive, some on the fence, some *friendly* favoring, and some warmly approving.

—Col. Mat Walton and wife have left us for a home in Lexington. Col. Walton has for several years been a prominent and successful young lawyer in our midst, and many in this and adjoining counties who know him as a polished gentleman and a lawyer of scholarly attainments, will regret to learn of his departure. We hope the Colonel's expectations may be fully realized in his new field and that in a short time we may see him rise to that prominence in his profession for which his talents fit him.

—Poor old Sergeant Bates, who achieved a little brief notoriety by marching through the South, carrying the American flag, is dying of abject poverty at his home in Illinois. So much for running after cheap fame and neglecting his business matters.

—After being whipped himself a number of times, Ben Deering has at last succeeded in turning the tables and whipping somebody else. That somebody was Vassco D. Brown, and the people of Lancaster don't think he has a lick amiss.

Our sincerest sympathies are extended to Zen Young, of the Madisonville Times, in his hour of terrible bereavement. His estimable wife, after a long illness, has been taken from him.

THE INDIANA Legislature passed a law, modeled after the old English law, which only requires the juries to name the grade of crime, the power to fix the punishment being given to the Judges. Such a change as this in our criminal law would, we are convinced, be one for the better, and one that would lessen the number of long juries to a great extent. A great many men who would pronounce a criminal guilty of murder, if they did not have to assume the responsibility of fixing his punishment being given to the Judges. Such a change as this in our criminal law would, we are convinced, be one for the better, and one that would lessen the number of long juries to a great extent. A great many men who would pronounce a criminal guilty of murder, if they did not have to assume the responsibility of fixing his punishment being given to the Judges. 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STANFORD, KY.

Friday Morning, April 22, 1881

L. & N. TIME CARD.

Passenger Train to Louisville, 12:45 P. M.
Passenger Train to Richmond & Lexington, 1:45 P. M.

LOCAL NOTICES.

FISHING TACKLE at McRoberts & Stagg's
Seed Irish Potatoes at Owsley & Higgins'.
A lot of Carpet Paper at this office,
Cheap.SUPERIOR Coal Oil at McRoberts &
Stagg's.FINEST CIGARS and Tobacco for sale by
McRoberts & Stagg.Best Cigar out: "The Julia A. Hunt,"
at McRoberts & Stagg's.SALE Lime and Cement constantly on
hand at Owsley & Higgins'.LAKE SHORE Seed Irish Potatoes, of all
kinds, at Haskins & Nunnelly's.For that Cough use White Pine Syrup,
prepared by McRoberts & Stagg.Medicinal purposes buy a bottle of
10-year-old Whisky from McRoberts &
Stagg.Variety of Sweet Potato Seed, including
Emory County Branwell, at Owsley &
Higgins'.The Ready-mixed Paints sold by
McRoberts & Stagg are the best sold—are
guaranteed in every particular.TERHUNE & VANASBURG have a nice
line of Men's and Boys' Ready-Made
Clothing, and will sell them lower
than any.SHELTON'S CATARACT REMEDY.—A mar-
velous cure for Cataract, Diphteria, Canker
Mouth and Head Ache. With each bottle
there is an ingenious nasal Injector for
the more successful treatment of these com-
plaints without extra charge. Price 50cts.
Sold by Chenault & Penny.AFFIRMED.—The decision of the Com-
mon Pleas Court in the case of the Trustees
of Stanford vs. Hite, has been af-
firmed by the Court of Appeals, that Court
holding that where a party has paid money
to the Trustees of a town for any privilege,
and the ordinance imposing the burden is
void, he is entitled to recover back the
amount thus paid, if paid under a belief
that the burden was lawfully imposed.FIDDLE FACTORY.—Sometime ago we
published a clipping which said that there
were but four people in the world that could
make a first-class fiddle. Fleming Brady,
of this place, a natural born genius, did
not believe the story, and straightforward set
himself to work to make one, and he has
succeeded most admirably. The instru-
ment is very handsome, and is pronounced
by those who know how to draw the
bow, as a remarkably sweet-toned and
superior one. Mr. Brady will part with
it only to the delinquents of 1876 and 1877 that
were so referred.For a little money you wish to be
one of the best dressed men in our
county, leave your measure at the best
and most resounding of Louisville Mer-
chant Tailors, J. Winter and Co., corner of
Third and Market Streets, Louisville, Ky.
Their show-room of piece goods is on
the second floor. In all the days of our life
we have never seen such a tasty assort-
ment. We trade at that place.LUNATIC.—Miss Emily Gibson, who
attempted to commit suicide last week by
taking laudanum, was tried on a writ of
lunacy Wednesday, and ordered to the
asylum. She has been in that institution
before, but was discharged apparently well.
She is forty-eight, and seems to want to
have no one but herself. Speaking of
lunacy, Judge Brown says that in the two
years that he has been Judge, not less than
ten persons have been sent to the asylum
from this county.THE CUPOLA.—The contract for build-
ing the cupola of the Presbyterian church
has been let to Mr. R. H. Wearen, for \$530.
The design, which was made by architect
J. R. Carrigan, of Danville, is a very hand-
some one, octagon-shaped and rising forty
feet above the comb of the roof. The
work is to be completed by July 1st, but
Mr. Wearen says he will finish it much
before that time. We have labored for
years to this end, and we "Praise the Lord!"
to know it is so near accomplished.TO CURIOSITY HUNTERS.—Dr. C. C.
Graham, of Louisville, called on this
week and asked us request everybody who
has geological specimens and who wish to
contribute them to his museum to leave
them at this office for him. He has now
one of the largest collections of natural
curiosities in the country, and the sole
object of the few short years that he has
left him seems to make it as comprehen-
sive as possible, as he will leave it as a
legacy to the State of Kentucky. The
Doctor is a living curiosity himself, being
ninety-seven years old, with all his facul-
ties, save hearing, in a remarkable state of
preservation.ANOTHER DIVORCE.—Sometime ago Col.
Blain brought a suit for Frances Mc-
Eldon, colored, against her husband, Joe,
alleging abandonment, cruelty, adultery,
and all the other grounds for divorce, but
when the case was called last Court he had
dismissed, because the witness by whom
he could prove these allegations had died.
It seemed, however, that Joe was as anxious
to have the bonds dissolved as his wife,
and he got Judge J. M. Phillips to attend
to his case. The Judge prevailed on Col.
Blain to move that his case be reinstated,
and Judge Owsley finally consented to
allow it. Then Judge Phillips filed a cross
petition, setting forth nearly the same
charges against Frances, and on the hearing
of the case Saturday, Joe was granted a
divorce.THE CIRCUIT COURT just closed
through with 107 cases, divided as fol-
lows: Forty-three Commonwealth, thirty
Equity, and thirty-four Ordinary Ap-
peals. A number of them had been on
the docket for a long time, one for eight
years. This is not a bad showing
even for a four weeks' Court. Judge
Owsley tries to expedite the business of
his Court, but one of his great faults is to
argue points with counsel after he has
closed them, thereby losing much time. He
is one of the best judges of law in the State,
as the tests of his decisions show, but some-
how or other, he can never make his law-
yers believe that his rulings are final.
This we attribute to their knowledge of
the extreme goodness of his heart, but it
gets away with time all the same.AN OLD PAPER.—We have been shown,
by Miss Sallie Harrison, a copy of the
"Western World," from the press of Joseph
M. Street, Frankfort, bearing date of
September 17th, 1807, which she found
among the old papers of her grand-father,
Rev. J. C. Barnes. In its announce-
ment, the editor says that he will publish
on such days as may suit the mails, at \$3
per year in advance, or \$4 in promissory
notes. The issue before us contains a long
article in which H. Marshall denounces
some charges that N. Richardson had
made against him as "base and villainous
falsehoods," and Richardson himself as "a
slanderer for the Spanish conspirators."
There is also, an installment of the testi-
mony in the trial of Aaron Burr, for high
treason against the United States, and it
makes the best rolls we ever ate. Try it.CONVICTS GONE.—Sheriff J. N. Menefee,
with S. H. Baughman and George C. Car-
penter as guards, left Tuesday for the pen-
itentiary with Jim Banks, Cal. Middleton,
Charles Wright and Alex. Smith, where
the first three will make their homes for
the next four years, and the last named for
one year. They are all, of course, negroes.FORGER AT LABOR.—The Reporter says
that Harvey T. St. of Lincoln, arrested
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was tried and held in \$250 bail, which he could
not give, though he did give "leg bail" and
is still at large. The coroner let him get
away, which leads us to remark that a dead
person is the only kind of an individual
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LOCAL MATTERS.

STRAW HATS, stylish and cheap at Bruce
& Co.'s.LONG PRIMER—250 pounds, in good order,
for sale cheap.FRESH FISH Saturday evening at B.
Mattingly & Son's.BANANAS, Apples, Oranges, Lemons and
Vegetables received daily at B. Mattingly
& Son's.EDDIE HAWKINS, the boy orator, is
making another raid on Kentucky and will
be in Stanford before long.DAN RICE's circus gave two perfor-
mances here yesterday to fair audience. It
is a good show, and deserves to be well
patronized.PRECIOUS.—Little Howard, son of
Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Bruce, although but
two years of age, knows the alphabet
thoroughly, and can say them although
scarcely able to talk.SCHOOL.—Miss Rhoda Lytle has had a
new school house built on Mr. W. H.
Anderson's place, in the lower end of town,
and will open a Spring and Summer school
for boys and girls next Monday.POTTY PATENT PROCESS.—This door,
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any of the kind we have ever seen. It is
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EUGENIAN'S MITT.—Farmers have commenced planting corn.

—Mrs. Robert Leak has been suffering
with a sore in the palm of her left hand.

It is thought that she will lose her hand.

—The young gentleman that was so

anxious for Easter to come says that he
doesn't want it to come any more since he
saw his sweetheart riding with another
fellow.

—From present indications there is

some danger of matrimonial fever break-
ing out in this vicinity soon to an alarming
extent. One case has already made its
appearance.—Took Hubble sold his fancy saddle
stalls to Rue & Cecil, of Danville, for
\$330. G. P. Bright sold his pair of
black mares to a gentleman of Little Rock,
Ark. for \$300.—The young gentleman that invested in
the Louisiana Lottery was so sure that he
would get the capital prize he had spokenI have a good family horse to sell
cheap. J. B. Dennis.Call and see the Champion Twine Binder
at Geo. D. Wearen's.FARMERS should be certain to see Geo.
D. Wearen before selling their wool.The Richmond bar saw Stanford's \$75
for the widow of Judge Hardin, and went
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and W. C. McKinney have formed a part-
nership in boot and shoe making, and sell
the patronage of the public.THE COURTHOUSE square improvement
committee has had a large number of
water maple set out, and in a year or two
we will have as shade and as pretty a park
as anybody.THE MILLENNIUM is near at hand. A
circus has exhibited in Lancaster without
anybody getting killed and in Stanford
without any rain.J. B. DENNIS has two nice Phonos and
some new Buggies, which he will sell
at a bargain, if application is made at the
Carrington shop.NOMINATED.—Mr. Harrison Bailey, a
brother of Judge W. G. Bailey, of this
place, has been nominated by the Demo-
crats of Shelby for the Legislature.THE RAILROAD Commission will meet
next Tuesday. Susceptible young
ladies are warned against Judge C. E.
Kincaid, or he will walk off with their
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UNDER THE SPELL.

BY JENNIE WREN.

"It's too bad to let the child throw away her young life and happiness. Some one ought to warn her of the rocks in her course."

Spoke the world, watching the flirtation between Eben Furnal and Clara Welling. Of course it was flirtation, this same world decreed; not, perhaps, on her side—the warning would not have been needed then—but on his.

She was but 18 with something of the clear young soul shining through the dark blue eyes as they uplifted themselves to her hero's face.

Yes, he was her hero. The world, for once, had spoken truthfully. She had not begun to reason. She only knew that her heart beat more quickly at the sound of his footsteps; that, had any one asked her idea of many beauty, unconsciously Eben's dark, handsome face would have instantly pictured itself before her, though she might have vowed she had no spoken answer—that her ear was no sweeter than the low, melodious utterance of his voice.

Of course he knew his power. The world remembered numberless instances when he had used it mercilessly; therefore, they felt sorry for the young, untried girl who also had failed "Under the Spell."

Yet, as she stood to-night by Eben Furnal's side, the tall, slender figure, draped in soft, white folds; a bright color on her cheek, lending new lustre to her eyes; the soft, fair hair, curling itself in myriad rings upon the low, white brow; she seemed a picture of girlish happiness. Could it be that he had made such a mark?

If so, how perfect his acting!

"Clara," he whispered—never, had her name sounded so sweet before—"are you tired? Shall we not finish this walk?"

For an answer she let him slip his arm around her waist.

Tired with him? Had the music lasted, she might have gone on forever.

She sighed when it ended, with a crash, and he drew her into the dimly-lighted conservatory.

What meant the look with which he pierced down through the sunless eyes into the hidden depths of her soul?

He spoke no word, but there, amid the flowers and fragrance, with a half-sleepy canary warbling his good-night song above their heads, he opened wide his arms.

A moment she resisted their mutual entreaty; he drew a step nearer them with a half-sob of the most exquisite happiness she had ever known, she felt them fold themselves about her, and laid her head, like a tired child upon his breast. He held her close and long.

"Clara, you love me?" he half asserted, half questioned. "Oh, child, what a sweet fair page has been the life upon which I may dare inscribe my name."

At his words of self-implied reproach, she raised her head. In his face was a light she had never seen before. With a glad thrill she knew that her hand had illuminated the torch.

"I love you, I love you!" she repeated, softly, until he finished the words with a kiss.

"Do not let us tell the world our secret," he pleaded. "It is so sweet to have no one to share it but ourselves."

And to this wish she gladly gave consent.

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"You are an aunt," she said, speaking with an effort. "Why should you be like that gossipy say?"

Because it has extended its voice to you—because it says that you, too, are under the spell of that man's wonderful fascination. Many is the heart he has broken, Clara—he shall not break yours!"

If what you say be true," she replied defiantly "it is already broken; but I do not—I will not believe it! He loves me, and I—love him!"

"He has asked you to become his wife?" The question cut like a knife to the girl's quivering heart.

"No not in words. I did not even miss them, so sure was I of his purpose. Why—why do you come here to torment me?"

"Because I would see you, and because he shall never know his true victim, Child, look here! This was sent me yesterday."

It was covered with the handwriting of him of whom they spoke, and it was a mad passionate declaration of his love for her to whom it was addressed. There was neither name nor date—only his signature, bold and free.

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This was all. Thus had the child striven to hide the wound from which was pouring what she vainly hoped might be the life current.

With a bitter curse, ending in a groan, the man crushed the paper in his hand. "O, God!" he said beneath his breath. "After all these years, is this a second time to be my reward? Is there no truth in woman?"

And his soul echoed "None."

But Clara had been half-child, half-woman. Only yesterday her eyes had looked with worshipful light into his. There was some mistake, some treachery. He could not let her thus escape him. He had been world-worn and weary. Her love had been like finding the cooling spring in the arid desert. Must he pass it by, and perish of thirst? Not so! He would write to her, and beg her to tell him if indeed she had but played with him. If so, to let silence answer; if not to bid him come to her.

His soul seemed to pour itself out upon the senseless sheet. The next day he himself saw it delivered at the door. What he unhappily did not see, were the hands that received it.

"He will not make the child grieve more," reasoned her aunt, and with the seal unbroken, she laid it on the flames.

For what had Clara hoped as the weary days went by? Had she expected any answer to the poor little note with which she had struggled to bolster up her pride?

Paler and wanner she grew as her hope faded. Truly she was "Under the Spell," said her aunt sadly; but her own lips were dull, until the strain on brain and heart gave way, and the name she had so long unspoken was breathed in every accent of love and despair from her fever-parched lips, as she lay tossing in delirium.

Her aunt, good woman though she was, could have cursed his owner as she listened, shuddering, to its repetition.

"My own poor little ewe lamb!" she would whisper, tearfully: "Why might not have spared you?"

But one day when the whisper had spread abroad that Clara Welling was dying, a man, haggard and white, forced himself into her presence.

"Let me see her," he entreated.

Some spirit rose in the crushed heart at sight of him.

"You would see your victim?" she questioned with a scorn. "Wait until your work is complete—it will not be long."

"If you have a woman's soul within you, tell me what you mean?" he answered. "My victim?" Do you know that one month ago my dearest hope was to make Clara my wife?" Ah, heaven! I thought she shared it then. But they tell me she is dying. Let me but see her once!"

Was the man speaking falsely? or had she, who had meant to save the child brought her to this pass?

"Wait here," she commanded, and hurried from the room.

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The woman bowed her head.

"Forgive me!" she murmured, brokenly.

"Help me to nurse my darling back to life, and together we will make her atone for her sins."

It was a hard struggle they had set themselves, but they conquered.

Perhaps even in her delirium Clara knew who answered to his name, or who held her in his strong, loving arms; but, however this may be, certain it is that on day the blue eyes opened, to look with dawning recognition into the pale, same face of her lover as he bent above her.

"Hush, my love," he whispered, as she was about to speak. "I am with you never to leave you again. It has always been a mistake, darling—all except our love, that has been the life upon which I may dare inscribe my name."

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An advertising agent for one of the great circus combinations has been in Detroit for a week past, and yesterday he sat down long enough to answer a few questions. The interview started off as follows:

"How many diamond pins will you wear this Summer, and what will be their value?"

"I shall not wear any. Our show has made a new departure in that matter, and nobody except the man in the ticket wagon will be allowed to wear diamonds. I am just going up to the express office to send my seven pins, four rings and sleeve-buttons home to my brother."

"How many consolidated shows do you advertise?"

"Only thirteen, but we have exactly sixteen. We do not intend to do any blowing this Summer, but we will practice the modest dodge. We have twelve clowns, but advertise only ten. We have ten elephants, but advertise only eight, and so on right through."

"Have you the only man in the world who can turn a double somersault over sixteen horses?"

"No; there is another man who can do it, and although he is in State Prison, we didn't want to say we had the only one. We shall practice no deception and carry no humbug."

"Have you the only baby elephant?"

"Yes, sir; but we don't advertise it. We don't want to be mean toward other combinations."

"Will your street-parade be a mile long?"

"Two of them, sir; but we don't advertise that fact. We let people come and be agreeably surprised."

"Have you got an elephant which has killed seven men?"

"Seven? Why, he's laid out eight this year. I think the last foots up to thirty-two, but we don't advertise it. An elephant is an elephant, and what's the use of blowing about it?"

"You have two or three man-eating tigers, of course?"

"Of course—seven or eight of them, and we also have a list of the names of the people who have been eaten by them, but we make no blow about it."

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